

WISBECH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1970

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

No change

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number inspected</u>		<u>Number of ships reported as having, or having had, during voyage, infectious disease on board</u>
			<u>By the M.O.H.</u>	<u>By the P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign ports	253	54,138 101,589	Nil	147	Nil
Coastwise	34	13,319 35,487	Nil	18	Nil
Total	287	67,457 137,076	Nil	165	Nil

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger traffic	(Number of passengers inwards:	Nil
	(Number of passengers outwards:	Nil
Cargo traffic	(Principal imports:	Petroleum, potash, timber, barley grit and maize
	(Principal exports:	Barley and bricks
Principal ports from which ships arrive:	Amsterdam, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Putterschoek, Gdansk, Hamina, Terneuzen, Leningrad, Cuxhaven, Kristinestad, Hamburg and Wismar	

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic


Number using the district))))	None during the year
Tonnage		
Places served		

SECTION V - Water supply

No change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

No change



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SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

Smallpox Hospital, Ipswich.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

In the event of there being a suspected case, the Officer in Charge of the Ambulance Station, Ipswich, telephone number Ipswich (0473) 56407, would be contacted. He would make all necessary arrangements for the ambulance and be responsible for ensuring that any necessary vaccination or disinfection of the ambulance crew was carried out.

- (3) Names of smallpox consultants available:

		<u>Telephone No.</u>	
	<u>Office</u>		<u>Home</u>
Dr. J. D. Kershaw	Colchester (0706) 5101	Colchester	(0706) 73176
Dr. W. A. Oliver	Norwich (0603) 23111	Norwich	(0603) 53535
Dr. G. Nisbet (Isle of Ely)	Peterborough (0733) 2489	Peterborough	(0733) 2896
Dr. R. A. Leader	(0394) 41275	Ipswich	(0473) 55388

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox:

In the event of laboratory diagnosis being required, reference would be made to the Department of Bacteriology, University of Birmingham, The Medical School, Birmingham 15.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No change

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

<u>Category</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of cases during year</u>		<u>Number of ships concerned</u>
		<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but which have been disposed of before arrival	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	-	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria have occurred.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with, or
suspected for, plague

There were no ships infected with, or suspected for, plague.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

The Public Health Inspector, as a normal measure, makes an inspection of ships from foreign ports. Should the presence of rats be found, or suspected, he would take any necessary action.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Any case coming under this heading would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

Infested vessels are directed to the nearest "approved port".

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and deratting exemption certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

This is not directly applicable as the port is not an "approved port" or a "designated approved port", but there is an agreement whereby the Port Health Inspectors of the Borough of Wisbech act as the agents of King's Lynn Borough Council in the issue of deratting exemption certificates for the port of Wisbech.

During the year sixteen deratting exemption certificates were issued.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

<u>Nature and number of inspections</u>		<u>Notices served</u>		<u>Result of serving notices</u>
		<u>Statutory notices</u>	<u>Other notices</u>	
Routine	165	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	165	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

The handling of grain and fertiliser cargoes has again given rise to concern throughout the year. Certain modifications were made to the grain handling plant and these eventually brought about an improvement in conditions.

Fertiliser continued to be discharged from vessels by grab into motor vehicles, a process which occurred on approximately 200 days during the year. Windy conditions gave rise to nuisances and it is difficult to see the position being improved in the foreseeable future.

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